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manuscript, and how it became a part of the New England Library.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the Rev. Joseph Hunter, F.A.S., of London, for the promptitude with which he responded to the request made to him to examine the manuscript in the Fulham Library, now ascertained to be Governor Bradford's "History of Plymouth;" and for his valuable services in superintending the copy of the same made for the Society.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the Right Reverend Charles James Bloomfield, D.D., Bishop of London, for his liberality and kindness in permitting a copy to be made, for their use, of Governor Bradford's manuscript "History of Plymouth," recently ascertained to be in the Fulham Library, and for placing the original in the hands of Mr. Hunter, of London, for that purpose.

Voted, That the Standing Committee, with the assistance of Mr. Ames, be directed to arrange, collate, prepare for binding, and cause to be bound, for the Library of this Society, the Journals of the House of Representatives of the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

SEPTEMBER MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 13, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the United-States Patent Office, the Smithsonian Institute, the Directors of the Blackstone Monument Association, Hon. Wm. Appleton, Hon. S. H. Walley, Rev. James Means, Dr. Samuel A. Green, Dr. S. Punderson, Messrs. J. S. Loring, Charles B. Norton, and Hezekiah S. Chase ; also from Richard Almack, Esq., Corresponding Member, and Dr. Shurtleff, Resident Member.

The President communicated the donation of the "History of the Family of Menou," by Count Jules de Menou.

The Cabinet-Keeper stated that Father Ralles' "strong box," which was deposited in the cabinet in September, 1845, by the late R. R. Waldron, Esq., and again by Nathaniel Sheafe Waldron, Major in the Marine Corps, Aug. 16, 1850, is now called for by Major Waldron, by a written order ; and that the box will be delivered in pursuance thereof.

MR. F. C. GRAY proposed the following votes, which were read, and unanimously adopted ; viz., —

Voted, That we deeply lament the death of our late associate, ABBOTT LAWRENCE, who was distinguished ever in this community by manliness of character and by lofty integrity, enlarged views, intelligent enterprise, and persevering energy, and was among the foremost in promoting every project for the public good, by wise counsels and personal efforts, as well as by pecuniary aid ; who, with the most kindly feelings towards all men, and the utmost readiness to serve all, took special pleasure in helping the young, giving them not only prompt assistance, but good advice and hearty encourage-

ment, and teaching them how to help themselves ; and who, while his hand was ever open to relieve the wants of the sick and the needy, and to give abundant support to all our charitable institutions, had the practical sagacity to perceive that the bounty which is judiciously directed to the social, moral, and intellectual improvement of men, is at once the most elevated in its character and the most extensive and most lasting in its influence, and the large heart to contribute munificently to this noblest object of enlightened benevolence.

Voted, That the Hon. Nathan Appleton be requested to prepare a Memoir of Mr. Lawrence, to be published in our Collections.

Voted, That the President communicate these votes with the expression of our sincere sympathy to the family of our late associate.

Mr. LIVERMORE, from the Second Section, read an interesting letter from Governor Hutchinson, dated Milton, Aug. 11, 1758, to Colonel Williams ; also an interesting letter written by Governor Belcher when in England, in 1740, to the Rev. Dr. Colman.

Voted, That the Standing Committee, in connection with the Librarian, be a Committee to make such disposition of duplicates in the library, by way of exchange or otherwise, as they may deem beneficial to the Society.

Voted, That Messrs. Ames, Shurtleff, and Brigham be a Committee to ascertain what books and documents the Society is entitled to receive from the Commonwealth, and procure the same for the library.